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DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the applicants request consideration of this information disclosure statement.

Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This information disclosure statement has been filed more than three months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of the first office action, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311. The fee of \$180 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

Information Cited

The applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the relative importance of the references.

Explanation of Non-English Language References and
Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

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Remarks

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- The examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
- The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
- The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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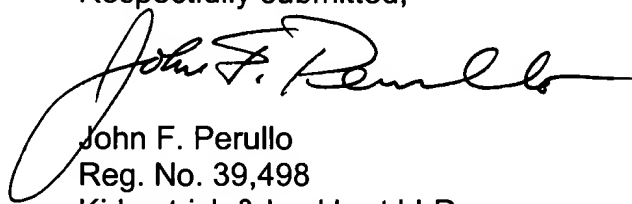
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Applicants submit for consideration to the Patent Office other recently issued patents (6,197,324; 6,248,112; 6,251,418; 6,277,082; 6,432,126; 6,447,522; and 6,458,092) and co-pending applications, commonly owned by the assignee of the present application, C. R. Bard, Inc., and pertaining to the same technological field.

It is understood by applicants that the foregoing information will be considered and, to the extent deemed appropriate by the examiner, will be reflected in the examiner's communication.

Respectfully submitted,



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